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Art Unit: 3617

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings include changes to Fig. 2A. This sheet replaces the original sheet, which includes Fig. 2A. In Figure 2A, previously omitted references characters –**51a**–, –**51b**–, and –**79a**– have been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (1)
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (1)

REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicant has amended the specification and submitted proposed changes to the drawings. Also, Claims 1 and 9 have been amended, and Claims 2 and 10 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-15 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 9 are independent claims.

In the recent Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings. Claims 1, 3, 6-9, 11, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Levy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,190,354). The Examiner indicated that Claims 2, 4, 5, 10, 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and of any intervening claims.

With regard to the Examiner's drawing objection, Applicant submits herewith a proposed drawing change to Fig. 2A. In Figure 2A, reference characters –**51a**–, –**51b**–, and –**79a**– have been added. Reference numeral –**51a**– designates the pin that protrudes from outer end “**54**”. Reference number –**51b**– designates the pin that protrudes from the shoulder of the central portion of shaft “**50**” and extends parallel to threaded surface of inner end “**52**”, and reference numeral –**79a**– points to the aperture defined in washer “**79**” that receives pin “**51a**.” The specification has been amended to provide express antecedent basis for structural elements shown in the original drawings. Clearly, no new matter is involved by the present revisions to the specification and drawings.

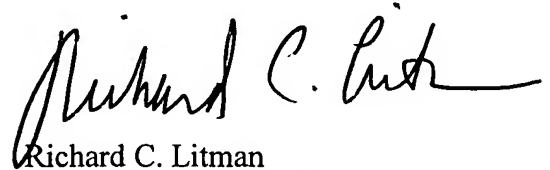
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The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. In this regard, Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of Claims 2. Also, independent Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 10. The incorporated claims have been canceled. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 1 and 9, as amended, and corresponding dependent Claims 3-8 and 11-15 are allowable over the prior art of record.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard C. Litman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

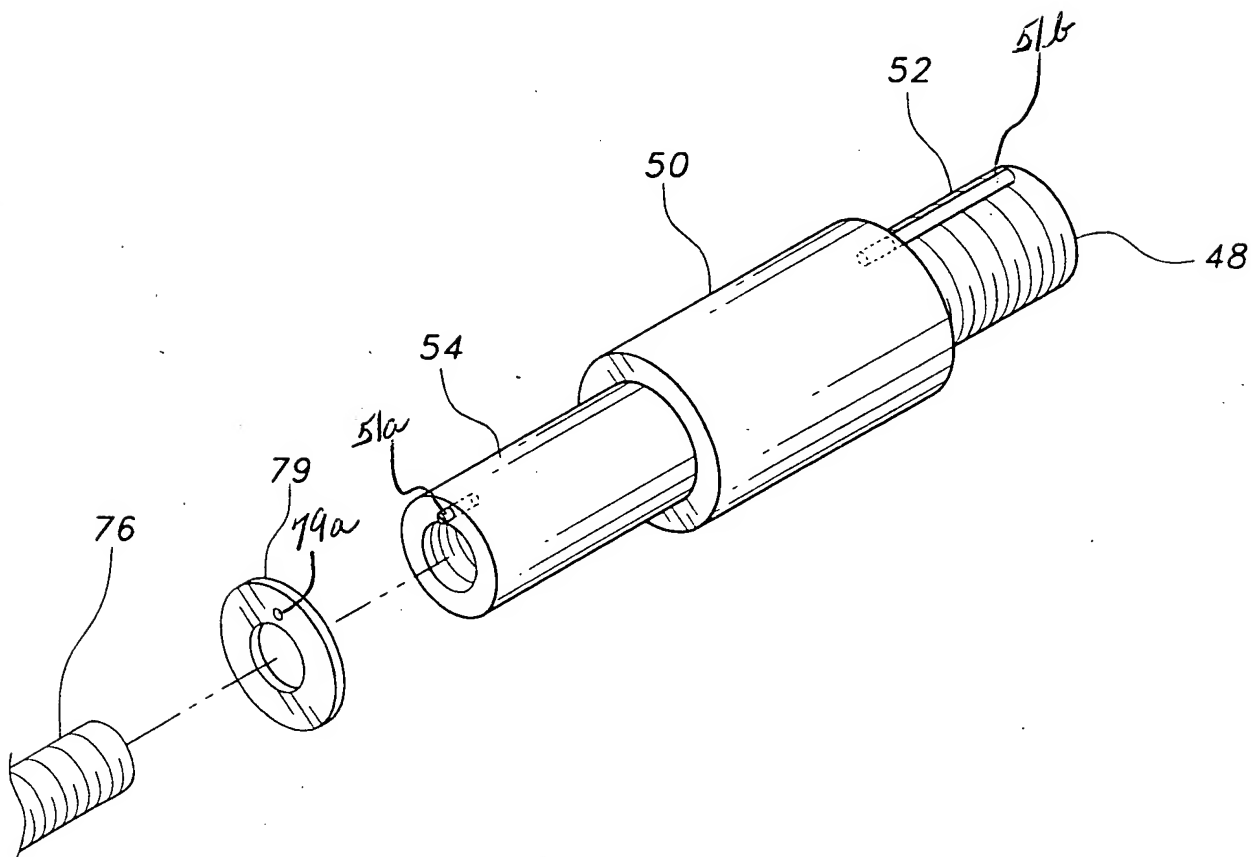


Fig. 2A